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Weekend Curfew from 9 pm today

Four-hour window from 6 am - 10 am to purchase essential items

A view of the deserted Ashoka Road this morning following semi-lockdown. Picture right shows a Lady Cop recording a video of a half-opened shop.

Mysuru, Apr. 23 (RK&BCT)- In addition to semi-lockdown and night curfew, the State Government has added a weekend curfew to combat COVID-19. It starts from 9 pm today and will be in force till 6 am on Monday (Apr. 26).

The weekend curfew will be similar to that of last year's lockdown. Barricades would be erected on main roads, sub-main roads, ward roads and unnecessary movement of people would be restricted, said City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta. The State Government order stated that vehicles would be seized and strict action would be taken against all those who violate the weekend curfew.

The idea behind the weekend curfew along with the pre-existing night curfew and movement restrictions are to ensure that a maximum number of people remain at their homes and avoid any kind of crowd, as such scenarios increase the risk of further spread of the contamination.

The Government order stated that movement of individuals will remain strictly prohibited between Friday 9 pm to Monday 6 am, except for essential and emergency activities. Barring hospital, ambulance and oxygen supply service, hotels, restaurants, eateries and bakeries (that have been allowed to strictly adhere to parcel services), medical shops and petrol pumps (as transport is open) everything else will be shut.

Tomorrow (Apr. 24) and Sunday Apr. 25, people are allowed to stock up essential commodities including fruits, vegetables, meat, fish and groceries from 6 am to 10 am. Post 10 am, all the shops would be strictly shut. "Neighbourhood shops dealing with groceries will get a four-hour window on Saturdays and Sundays from 6 am to 10 am and online delivery of essential items is permitted throughout the semi-lockdown," the order stated.

Employees of State and Central Government and private companies that are doing essential services can move unrestricted but have to produce valid identity cards issued by the companies. Also, firms involving in 24x7 essential services — including telecom, food deliveries, internet service providers will be allowed to move after they produce identity cards.

There will not be any interruptions in medical supplies and patients and their helpers requiring essential travel are allowed to move from one place to another. All cinema halls, shopping malls, gyms/yoga centres, spas, sports complexes, swimming pools amusement parks, stadia/playground, theatres, bars and auditoriums, assembly halls and similar places will remain shut during weekend curfew.

All social, political, sports, entertainment, academic, cultural, religious gathering and other gatherings and large congregations are prohibited.

People who need medical assistance can also step out of their homes. In case of emergencies, people required to visit doctors or hospitals are free to move. Wedding ceremonies and funerals are allowed with only 50 people for weddings and 20 at funerals and crematoriums, respectively. Those present must strictly follow COVID -19 norms.

(See CURFEW on page 6)

What's allowed, what's not

- Weekend curfew will be in force till 6 am on Monday
- After 10 am tomorrow and Sunday, all shops will be closed
- Only parcel service at hotels, restaurants, eateries, bakeries
- No restriction on inter-State or intra-State movement
- No construction activity is permitted
- Visit to doctors, vaccination will b e allowed
- Medical and health-related emergency services open
- Weddings allowed with 50 attendees
- Cremations permitted and 20 people can attend
- All religious places closed for public
- Liquor shops, bars and restaurants shut

City localities wear deserted look

Mysuru, Apr.23 (MTY&DM)- A day after a tougher and stricter COVID-19 guidelines issued by the Government and enforced by the Police, most of the busy roads in all localities of the city wore a near deserted look today.

With shops and other business places, barring hotels, vegetable shops, medical shops and other essential service providers that are allowed to open, being ordered to close, people have preferred to stay indoors.

The ever-buzzing *Chikka Gadiyara* area presented a totally contrasting picture today, with hardly a few people moving around in the vicinity. Vegetable, fruit and flower vendors, who occupied most of the space around the clock tower, were a disappointed lot as there were only a handful customers.

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 23rd April 2021

Book on 'Financial Management: Investment Analysis' released

Mysuru, Apr. 23- The book, '*Financial Management: Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management*' by Prof. Kranthiraj Vodeyar, Assistant Professor of Business Management at Sapient College, was released in the college auditorium in city on Apr. 21.

Dr. R. Mahesh, Professor at the Bahadur Institute of Management Sciences, University of Mysore (UoM), said: "The syllabi of University of Mysore has been polished to cater to the needs of present. The subjects included as per the change have become very difficult for students and faculty to cope with. Kranthiraj Vodeyar should be congratulated for taking an initiative of writing such a textbook."

Dr. D. Anand, Professor of Business Management at the UoM, who was the chief guest said, "Any academic curriculum should give the student and entrepreneur the knowledge that can be applied in today's business life. But there is a wide gap between the practical world and the curriculum of Universities. This book is an excellent attempt to bridge that gap."

Prof. G. Venkatesh Kumar, Head, Department of Psychology, UoM and a member of the Syndicate, who participated as guest of honour, said, "In today's education system, there are less number of authors who write the books which makes students understand the concept easily and gain knowledge. This book is an exception to the trend. He should accept the criticism that comes from the readers of the book and engage in improving the quality of the book." Dr. K. Ganesh, Principal of the College, presided.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Age is a number that just grows and grows — from single digits to double and maybe more in the future. People age, as do societies and countries. As medical facilities and interventions improve and as increased longevity becomes a trend in itself, societies will comprise more and more older people. And as countries grapple with older populations, there is indeed a need for a very active philosophy and policy to take care of the elderly in a society that is progressively leveraged only by the young and the physically strong.

It's time for us to correct some deficiencies in the way we deal with our elderly. Time to get sensitive to the fact that every infrastructure put into place must be totally convenient and comfortable for them. Licenses for the elderly driving on our roads must be that much more user-friendly in approach. Insurance policies and philosophies must be equally so. And there are a hundred other arenas of elderly comfort to look into. We just need to be ready to do an elderly audit on every business we put together, every piece of infrastructure and every bit of societal attitude we put together. I think it is time for us to mainstream our elderly (52. 7 million above the age of 70 at last count) into the national fabric of work, participation, contribution and belongingness. I am afraid the valuable elderly in our population today live in the sub-stream, not the mainstream. Why?

— Harish Bijoor in The New Indian Express

NEWS SPARKLERS

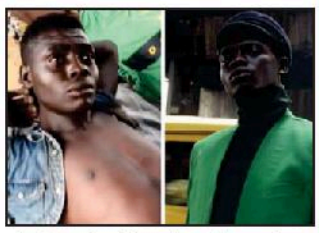
War dance and 'Jumping the Gun'

Jeddah: Taasheer, a traditional war dance performed by Saudi men and boys, involves spectacular, well-timed leaps that synchronize with the dramatic discharge of long muzzle-loading rifles.

Once performed before battle to motivate fighters and instill fear in the heart of the enemy, Taasheer is now performed at important social events, like weddings and festivals. Boys are trained to perform the traditional dance from a young age, first with an unloaded weapon, until they are ready to handle the gun powder. It is passed down from generation to generation, and the people of Taif hope to be able to preserve it forever.

Barefoot and wearing traditional headdresses, Taasheer performers dance to traditional music, bouncing up and down with their knees close together while holding their musket-like guns horizontally, before leaping into the air and firing their guns at the ground, for a stunning visual effect.

From sleeping under a bridge to modelling



Ikeja: A Nigerian homeless man, who got the opportunity of a lifetime while sleeping under a bridge is the perfect example for the saying 'Finding yourself in the right spot, at the right time, is the key to success.'

Ali Olakunmi, from Nigeria's Osun, found himself sleeping under the same bridge that a creative director had chosen as the backdrop for a fashion shoot. As a homeless man in Ikeja of Lagos, he didn't have any options, but that turned out to be a blessing in disguise. Afolabi (AL), the director, was waiting under the same bridge for a male model that was running late and he noticed this young man who seemed to have all the features, so he approached him. And that's how Ali became Ali, the fashion model.

HEALTH CAPSULE

MELASMA

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***Dr. Ravi S.** - Consultant Dermatologist & Cosmetologist*

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Sit in the front seat and focus on the road ahead. Motion sickness tends to be more severe in the back seat. Avoid reading in the car. Don't eat too much before you travel. Pregnancy, hangover and fatigue can heighten the effects of motion sickness.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	APR.21	APR.22
Day's Positive Cases	975	818
Total Positive Cases	63,993	64,811
Day's Discharges	503	439
Total Discharges	58,248	58,687
Day's Deaths	7	3
Total Deaths	1,133	1,136
Total Active Cases	4,612	4,988

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

KSOU Job Fair: 856 candidates get appointment letters

Mysuru, Apr. 23 - Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), in association with RiiiT JobKart, had organised online Job Fair from Mar. 15 to 22 in which 856 candidates have got jobs in 123 companies, said JobKart CEO and Founder S. Venkatesh at a press meet held at KSOU.

KSOU Placement Officer Dr. R.H. Pavitra said 12,000 graduate and post-graduate candidates from KSOU and other Universities had enrolled in the recently held Job Fair and applied for 3,600 posts in these 123 companies.

KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Vidyashankar said due to increasing Coronavirus cases, KSOU will continue to conduct online job fairs in future also.

REALLY...?

- ***There are more than 12,000 species of ants all over the world.***
- ***An ant can lift 20 times its own body weight. If a second grader was as strong as an ant, she would be able to pick up a car!***
- ***Some queen ants can live for many years and have millions of babies! Ants don't have ears. Ants "hear" by feeling vibrations in the ground through their feet.***
- ***When ants fight, it is usually to the death!***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

***Girl:** What is the price of Galaxy Grand?*
***Salesman:** Rs.18,000*
***Girl:** OMG!*
***Girl:** And IPhone?*
***Salesman:** OMG + OMG+OMG+OMG!!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.92
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 103.84
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.40
1 Euro	= Rs. 90.12

VOICE OF THE READER

Bus shelter needed near Kamakshi Hospital

Sir,

The bus shelter on one side of the road near Kamakshi Hospital was removed while widening the road some years ago after which the KSRTC and MCC have not thought of putting up a new bus shelter.

But where is the location for buses to stop? The authorities are in a fix where to put up the bus stop. Once the bus shelter was removed, the parking space has been taken over by the cars of visitors to both the hospitals nearby and the buses are forced to halt in the middle of the road blocking other following vehicles.

This has been brought to the notice of KSRTC, MCC and Traffic Police in their monthly traffic grievances meets and through 'Voice of the Reader' in *Star of Mysore* earlier on several occasions but we find no decision taken by the authorities.

As a result, the sufferers are the passengers and the bus drivers who find no space to park. Now the KSRTC should relook into the situation and plan to shift the bus stop away from the hospitals to the space near the adjacent park and construct the bus shelters on both sides of the road.

It would be good if the local Corporator takes initiative to inspect the area and in the public interest submit his recommendations to the Traffic Police and KSRTC to find a solution and ease the situation. A proper bus stop must be located and a bus shelter erected at the right place without creating hindrance to moving the traffic.

—K.V. Ramanath

Mysuru

15.4.2021

Last date extended

Mysuru, Apr. 23- Nanjangud Taluk D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation, which had invited applications from eligible students for availing post-matric student scholarships, fee reduction, Vidyasiri and food and hostel facility for the year 2020-21, has extended the last date for submission of applications to Apr. 30.

The eligible students can apply online through the website *www.ssp.postmatric.karnataka.gov.in* and visit office of Assistant Director, Social Welfare Department, Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Bhavan, Adi Pampa Road, Vontikoppal for Aadhaar seeding to their bank account.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2520910.

Mysuru Taluk Social Welfare Department

Mysuru Taluk Social Welfare Department, which had invited online applications from eligible post-matric SC students for availing student scholarships for the year 2020-21, has extended the last date for submission of applications to Apr. 30.

The annual income of the parents of applicant student must not exceed Rs. 2.5 lakh.

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AIISH closed on Apr. 24

Mysuru, Apr. 23- As per the orders of the Government of Karnataka, curfew has been announced from Friday 9 pm to Monday 6 am. Owing to this order, All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru, remains closed on Saturday (Apr. 24), according to a press release from A.R. Keerthi, PRO, AIISH, Mysuru.

DST funds Rs. 2.05 crore to City Engineering College

To develop a Science Technology and Innovations (STI) Hub for Rural Development

Mysuru, Apr. 23- The Department of Science and Technology (DST), Science for Equity Empowerment and Development (SEED) Division, Government of India, has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 2.05 crore to implement the project titled "Innovative ICT Enabled Co-Working Community Centre Design for Rural Development."

The proposed project will be established at ATME College of Engineering, Mysuru. Through this project it is proposed to empower the youths belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) communities through the application of Science Technology and Innovations (STI) hubs.

The Principal Investigator of this project is Dr. P.K. Mahesh, Professor and Head, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, ATME and Co-Investigator is Dr. Prakash Kuravatti, Associate Professor, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, ATME.

The proposed project aims to increase the livelihood of the rural masses and also enhance the socio-economic status of people of Mysuru and nearby vicinity. ATME will provide a technology-enabled community space which is accessible to the local community of the region.

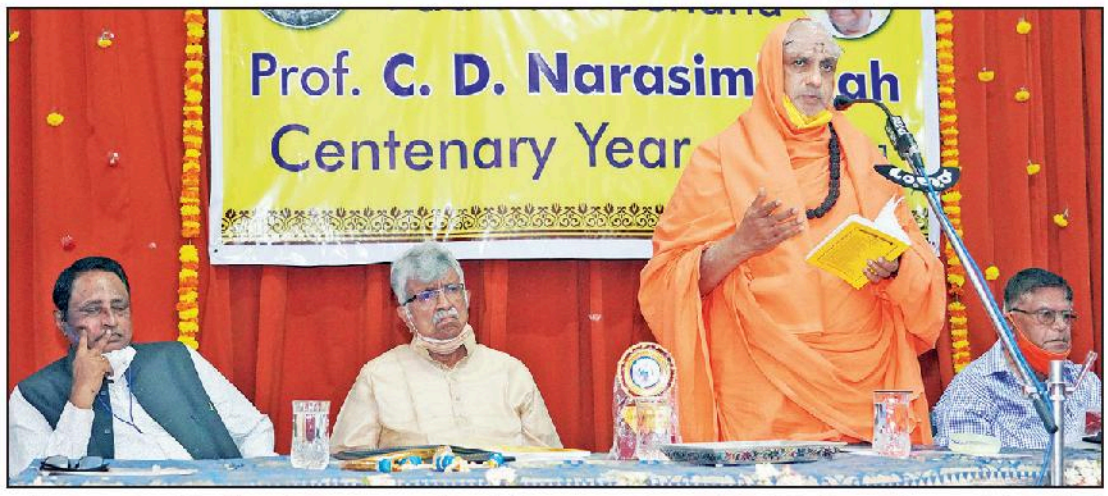
This proposed facility is intended to be internet-enabled and will allow 24x7 accesses to the targeted beneficiaries. This STI Hub will be technology-enabled community centre and will ensure sustainable rural livelihood promotion in tune to the particular societal requirements.

In addition to the above, facilities like room for cold storage, community-based skill development through online / offline mentoring, room for developing prototypes – translation of idea to products will be facilitated.

The STI Hub will focus on the following streams of training like Advanced Sewing Machine Training Programme, Skill Development Programme, Up-Skill Development Programme, Training Programme for Agri/ Electronic Kit to test/analyze/ repair/fix and Resolve community problems. The objective of implementing this project is for the overall upliftment of the rural youths and society at large.

Chairman of ATME College of Engineering L. Arunkumar and members of management have appreciated the effort of those involved in executing the said DST project.

Prof. CDN Centenary Celebrations at Dhvanyaloka



Prof. CDN

Mysuru, Apr.23- The Annual Prof. CDN Memorial Day on April 12 at Dhvanyaloka, Bogadi Road, this year had an additional significance as it also coincided with Prof. C.D. Narasimhaiah's birth centenary celebrations.

Touching tributes were paid to the life and achievements of a scholar-teacher who won international recognition in his own lifetime despite his extremely modest and humble beginnings.

After the unveiling of the plaque, dedicated to Prof. CDN on the premises of the Centre founded by him in 1979, by Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji of Suttur Mutt, the programme started with invocation.

Prof. C.N. Srinath, Director, Dhvanyaloka, welcomed and highlighted the various accomplishments of his late father Prof.CDN, a multi-faceted personality, during every stage of his illustrious career.

The recipients of Prof. CDN Memorial Award (carrying a citation, shawl and Rs.10,000 in cash) were Dr. C.N. Ramachandran and Dr. D.A. Shankar for the year 2020 and *Padma Shri* Pandit Rajeev Taranath for 2021, all former students of Prof. CDN who have excelled themselves in the field of Kannada and English Literatures and Music.

Pt. Taranath, who spoke, alluded to the "School of English Studies" that Prof. CDN founded, maintained and cherished in a remarkable way and also the Guru-Shishya tradition he fostered, with some personal examples.

Dr. Shankar drew the attention of the audience to the two important phases of his career tracing the Leavisian and the post-Leavisian period; the impact of the west and the finding of his own native roots.

Two volumes to come out on the occasion were *The Literary Criterion,* a Dhvanyaloka critical quarterly, presently in its 69th year and an illustrated *Travelogue, Where the Eagle Soars* by Ragini Ramachandra (Text) and S. Ramachandra (Photos), both released by the Swamiji.

Presiding over the function, he recalled some of Prof. CDN's unique qualities with much appreciation and also complimented all the Awardees for their contributions in their respective fields. He concluded his thought-provoking address, wishing the Centenary Year Celebrations all success while also expressing the hope that the *Dhvani* of Dhvanyaloka might resonate for long.

Prof. Srinath thanked all the dignitaries and the audience for attending the event. Celebrating a saga of 100 years relating to the life of a visionary teacher amidst the inspiring presence of Suttur Seer and receiving his benediction was Dhvanyaloka's good fortune, he noted.

NEWS BRIEFS

Basavaraja Horatti to visit Mysuru tomorrow

Karnataka Legislative Council Chairman Basavaraja Horatti will be touring Mysuru district tomorrow (Apr. 24) and will participate in a local event at Saptapadi Kalyana Mantapa in Vijayanagar 1st stage here in the evening, according to a press release.

Public libraries closed till May 4

As per the guidelines issued by the State Government, due to the pandemic, all public libraries in city will remain closed till May 4 except for borrowing and returning of books from 8 am to 11.30 am and 4 pm to 8 pm, according to a release by Deputy Director of Department of Libraries.

Pay property tax at all Axis Bank branches

With just a week to go for payment of Property Tax (2021-22)with a 5 percent rebate, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has facilitated payment of tax at all the eight branches of Axis Bank in city. Accordingly, property owners can visit any of the Axis Bank branch and pay Property Tax from 10 am to 2 pm on all working days. As is the practice in force for the past several years, the City Corporation has announced a five percent rebate in Property Tax (2021-22) if paid before Apr. 30, according to a press release by the Mysuru City Corporation.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	94.05	feet
Yesterday	:	94.58	feet
Inflow	:	284	cusecs
Outflow	:	4,279	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2260.98	feet
Inflow	:	295	cusecs
Outflow	:	725	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,819.36	feet
Inflow	:	192	cusecs
Outflow	:	100	cusecs

Six drown in separate incidents at Talakad and KRS

Akash

Mahadeva Prasad

Kishore

Yashwanth Kumar

Parents, relatives grieving over the death of their children who drowned in River Cauvery near Talakad yesterday.

Mysuru, Apr. 23 (KS)- In separate incidents, four boys and two youths were drowned at Talakad and at Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) near here.

In the first incident, four youths, who had gone for a swim in Cauvery River near Hemmige B village near Talakad yesterday, met their watery graves.

The deceased are Yashwanth Kumar (15), Mahadeva Prasad (15), Akash (15) and Kishore (13), all from Hemmige B village.

While Kishore was studying in 8th class at Morarji Desai Residential School at Sosale, the others were pursuing their 10th standard at Talakad Government School. As it was a holiday for the school, the four boys, at about 1.30 pm yesterday, went to the bathing ghat near Somanatha Swamy Temple where they parked their bicycles, kept their clothes on the steps of the bathing ghat and ventured into Cauvery River.

A passerby, who noticed the boys playing in the water, did not see them after some time. As the bicycles and clothes were still found at the spot, the passerby, on suspicion, informed the Police. Talakad Sub-Inspector Siddaiah, ASI Ramesh and staff, rushed to the spot and summoned Fire and Emergency Services personnel, who, with the help of local fishermen and expert divers, launched a search and managed to fish out the bodies of Yashwanth and Mahadeva Prasad in the evening. As it had got dark, the search operation was suspended last evening. The search operation resumed this morning and all efforts are being made to fish out the bodies of Kishore and Akash.

Additional SP Shivakumar, Nanjangud Sub-Division Dy.SP Govindaraju and T. Narasipur Circle Inspector Krishnappa visited the spot. A case has been registered at Talakad Police Station.

In the second case, two youths, who had come Kalamma Temple on the North Bank of KRS were drowned, when they went for a swim in Visvesvaraya Canal yesterday.

The deceased are Basavegowda (26) and Javaregowda (34), residents of Mallinathapura village in Hunsur taluk. The two were drowned after they were swept away by strong water force.

KRS Police, with the help of expert swimmers, conducted a four hour-long operation and succeeded in fishing out the bodies. A case has been registered at KRS Police Station.

Woman among two arrested for robbery in houses and fairs

Hunsur, Apr. 23 (Raghu&KS)- Hunsur Police have arrested two persons including a woman on charges of committing burglaries at houses and robbing people during fairs (Jathra) and have recovered 300 grams gold ornaments and 1.250 kg silver articles from them.

The arrested are Nagaraju of Kushalnagar and Adiyamma of Hosur in Tamil Nadu.

On Jan. 22, a house near Niluvagilu Cross on B.M. Road in the town was burgled in broad daylight and a case was registered at Hunsur Police Station. The Cops, who began their investigation, found Nagaraju and Adiyamma moving around in the town in a suspicious manner and took them into custody for questioning.

During interrogation, accused Nagaraju is said to have told the Police that he along with his mother-in-law Adiyamma had committed house burglaries at Maruthi and Manjunatha Layouts in the town and had committed robberies at jathras.

Following their arrest, the Police have solved five cases in Hunsur Police Station, two cases each in Saragur and Periyapatna Police Stations and one case in K.R. Nagar Police Station. The accused were produced before a Court, which remanded them to judicial custody.

Hunsur Circle Inspector C.V. Ravi, Sub-Inspector D.K. Latesh Kumar, ASI Lakshmamma and staff Puttanayaka, Prabhakar, Prasad, Irfan, Bharatesh, Netravathi and Vidyashri took part in the nabbing and seizing operation.

Obituary

M.L. Somashekar

Mysuru, Apr. 23- M.L. Somashekar (49), former Corporator and a resident of Gokulam, passed away yesterday evening in city.

He leaves behind his wife Asha, son Lochan, daughter Shreya and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage this morning.

Himayun Fur

Alhaj Himayun Fur (60),Hon. President of Central Tanzeem Ahle Sunnath-wo-Jamath Trust and a resident of Subhash Nagar, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two daughters, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Burial was held at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Bada Makhan this morning.

G.N. Venkatadasappa

G.N. Venkatadasappa (79), Principal of S.N.S. Institute of Commerce and a resident of Chamundipuram, passed away yesterday in city. He was also the Trustee of Sri Shankaranarayanaswamy Temple Trust, Chamundipuram here.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage.

Chendanda Savithri

Chendanda Savithri (Chalmanda), wife of late Belliappa and a resident of Yeshodara Nagar, Bogadi 2nd stage, passed away yesterday evening at her residence in city. She was 82.

She leaves behind two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this noon.

M.B. Nagananda

M.B. Nagananda (55), youngest son of late M.N. Basavarajiah of the then city's Premier Studios, passed away on Apr. 20 at Dallas, Texas in the USA. He was working as a Software Engineer at Texas.

He leaves behind his wife, one daughter, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral took place at Dallas yesterday.

Semi-lockdown will be far worse for businesses

Merchants from commercial hubs in city seek at least limited hours opening

Mysuru, Apr. 23 (MK&BCT)- Multiple business houses and businessmen in city have hit out at the State Government move to enforce semi-lockdown till May 4 and have said that the potential damage is immense. At the same time, the Government has maintained that it has struck a balance between protecting jobs, the economy and saving lives.

When India went into one of the harshest lockdowns in the world on March 25 last year, the impact on businesses was so grave that the economy went into recession. Now with new restrictions, traders and businessmen fear that whatever economic recovery has been achieved in the past six months could be wiped out.

While agriculture, where much of the activity is in the rural belts, did not suffer as much, manufacturing, supply network and logistics took a hard hit. The disturbing rise in the number of virus infections has brought in a sense of *déjà vu* as businessmen have reacted in the same way in which they did in 2020.

Gross negligence

While last year it could be said that the event was a shock to the world and hence we did what everyone else did. But this time it shows sheer lack of preparedness and now businessmen are made to suffer, traders alleged. Many businessmen in the heart of the city — in the Central Business District — have complains that they have not seen a good business activity since March last year. "When we were allowed to open outlets post-lockdown, business picked up slowly but now again there is a lockdown-like situation. Take D. Devaraj Urs for example. This is a commercial hub and always filled with tourists and shoppers. Since the last one year there has been a lull in business. Especially affected are garment shops, watch outlets, shoe and accessories shops, bags and jewellery shops," Raj Anand, a cloth merchant, said.

A small outlet on Urs Road pays a monthly rent of Rs. 1.50 lakh for a 15X30-ft outlet and spends a total of Rs. 3.5 lakh to Rs. 4 lakh in other expenditure including electricity, taxes and staff salary depending on the number of persons employed. "We have to take loans from lenders every month to fulfil the basic expenditure.

In such a situation, if we do not get business, how are we supposed to survive? We are emptying our cash reserves to tide over the crisis and I am not sure when will the crisis end," said Pradeep Singh who owns a shop on Urs Road.

Paying rent is a struggle

There are over 250 outlets on Devaraj Urs Road and 90 percent of the businessmen have taken the shops on rent. "Paying rent every month is a struggle. Despite the crisis, we have not got a single rupee from the Government as compensation and it is due to sheer negligence of our rulers we are in dire straits. If we delay the tax payment even by a day, we are penalised while there is no accountability for politicians," he said.

"Business had slightly picked up after the lockdown was lifted and now again it is a pack-up time. Where will get the money from? It is invariable to shut the business. While during normal days, we use to make 10 percent business and weekends used to get 50 percent business. Now with weekend curfew, we will lose out heavily," said Devichand Salecha.

Similar sentiments were echoed by Syed Mujahid who owns a store. He pays a monthly rent of Rs. 1 lakh and said that there has been no business since this Ugadi and previous months too have been tough, he said.

'Let us open for limited hours'

President of Devaraj Urs Merchants Association Veerabhadrappa said that over 18 shops including branded showrooms have shut shop on the road since the pandemic began last March. Another 10 shops are on the verge of closure. "We are in deep crisis and instead of closing down the shops, we must be permitted to function at least six to eight hours a day," he noted.

Mahendra Jain and Veerendra Singh Narwal too said that they must be permitted to run shops for at least six to eight hours so that at least the rent can be paid. "My shop had to be closed as there was only 20 percent sale and it was difficult to pay the rent and salary. For us, the best option was to close instead of functioning under losses," Veerendra Singh said.

Torched Library:

Activists question MCC Commr.

Mysuru, Apr. 23 (BCT)- A group of citizen activists have written to Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Shilpa Nag questioning how did authorities allow encroachment of a public land — belonging to Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) — to set up a Library. The letter comes a fortnight after the library that was set up by Syed Isak in Rajivnagar was destroyed in a fire.

Till now, nobody has raised the 'inconvenient' question while there were many reports in the media on how the library was mindlessly torched, they said. "When we first read his story in the media, our initial reaction was how the officials allowed an encroachment on public land," the letter signed by Bhamy Shenoy, C.R. Aswathanarayan, Shoba Sambasivan, Venkatesh Kharidi, Roy Joseph, Nanjapur Yaduraju and Usha Yaduraju said.

The activists, who have written the letter to MCC Commissioner, have marked a copy to MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh. A copy of the letter has also been sent to *Star of Mysore* where the activists have regretted the failure of the officials to take action when Syed Isak started a library on a Civic Amenities (CA) site belonging to MUDA.

No doubts about noble deed

"There is absolutely no question about Syed Isak's noble goal of giving easy access to books and newspapers to readers in Rajivnagar. This is most admirable. But it is most unfortunate that nobody has raised the 'inconvenient' question of encroachment so far," the letter stated.

"As we learnt more — like an illiterate starting a library, tiny shed having 11,000 books, spending Rs. 8,000 per month to support the library despite his limited wage earnings, support for promoting Kannada books, having hundreds of books like Bhagavad Gita, Bible and Quran, etc., our emotions took over. Some of us even wrote a letter suggesting that we need to raise funds (we were not aware of the crowd-funding then) to help him", the letter said.

The fundamental question

"However, this episode has taken a different turn with politicians, Ministers, officials coming forward to compete with one another to get involved. Even at the risk of being misunderstood, some of us who have taken principled stands against various encroachments in the past want to raise a fundamental question," the letter stated.

Activists referred to their earlier campaigns against encroachment or violation of law during the construction of a building in Cheluvamba Park, a library in People's Park, besides other residential buildings or shops.

Just ignore the illegality?

"During the long years since 2011 when Syed Isak started the library in a CA site belonging to MUDA, why did the officials fail to take action? Even now when we all know that Syed Isak has violated the rule of law, what is the right thing to do? Just ignore the illegality as we seem to be doing," the letter asked. "If someone robs a bank to steal money to help a cancer patient to pay for the medical charges (really a noble motive), should the society forgive his illegal act and admire his noble motive," the letter questioned.

"Today in our city, where the violation of law is rampant everywhere — thousands of traffic violators endangering the lives of others, adulterated food and sweets sold in the market, pesticide-sprayed vegetables sold to unsuspecting consumers, more than 90 percent of buildings violating bylaws, mis-allocation and misuse of CA sites, unnecessary delay in providing Government services to force payment of bribe, etc. — should we just forget the encroachment even when done with the noble motive," they asked.

The activists further state in the letter to the MCC Commissioner, "We do appreciate the delicate position you are in. But we wanted to bring this to your attention. We are simply interested to promote the rule of law in Mysuru." The activists clarified that they were not opposed to the construction of a permanent library building at the spot in Rajivnagar after due allocation of land for the purpose.

Landscape filled with magic...

It's raining in Kodagu and so are 'Rain Lilies' (Zephyranthes candida) in some coffee estates. This photo is from an estate on Siddapura-Mysuru Road where Lilies with their inconspicuous grassy leaves have bloomed silently amidst the plantations forming a sight to behold. These rain lilies bloom repeatedly following rains, while some bloom primarily in spring, others flower in summer.

Weekend Curfew from 9 pm today

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Movement of people through the public transport system, private buses, flights, trains, taxis, app cabs, auto-rickshaw, etc, is permitted adhering to the norms. The movement will be allowed only on displaying valid travel documents or tickets. Liquor shops, bars and restaurants will remain closed during the weekend lockdown.

All religious places / places of worship shall be closed for public. However, all personnel engaged in the service of the place of worship shall continue to perform their rituals and duties without involving any visitors. The Police have been told to ensure smooth movement of ambulances in the city and help hospital authorities maintain law order in their premises.

No commuters at Bus Stands and Railway Station

Mysuru, Apr. 23 (MTY&DM)- Despite KSRTC resuming its operations in full after its employees called off their indefinite strike late Wednesday last and subsequently returned to work on Thursday, there were less number of passengers at both the City and Sub-Urban Bus Stands this morning.

Thanks to the strict restrictions on public movement imposed by the Government as a measure to control the rapid spread of the second wave of COVID-19.

Though 450 buses have been attached to the City Division, less number of buses than usual plied today following very less commuters. Also, all buses are required to operate with only 50 percent of their capacity as per COVID-19 guidelines. Most city buses operating today, ran with a few passengers on board.

Similar situation was seen at Sub-Urban Bus Stand, from where KSRTC buses ply on mofussil routes. Buses were seen waiting for a long time to pick up passengers to different destinations, with passengers arriving only in trickle.

Meanwhile, the scene at City Railway Station was no different, with the popular Chamundi Express train that leaves Mysuru Railway Station to Bengaluru at 6.45 am on all days of the week, departed with just over a hundred passengers this morning. On normal days, hundreds of passengers, most of them office-goers, used to travel by this train on both ways.

Yesterday too, Tipu Express train, another popular train to Bengaluru that leaves Mysuru at 11.30 am,departed for Bengaluru with only a handful of passengers.

Vaccination picks up at new location

Lions, Rotary Clubs can have separate sessions for members

Mysuru, Apr.23 (SSV)- There has been an overwhelming response at the newly-ope-ned vaccination centre at District Government Ayurveda Hi-Tech Panchakarma Hospital on KRS Road, Brindavan Extension in city, with around 300 people getting the jab today.

Dr. L. Ravi, Reproductive and Child Health Officer, who is also the Nodal Officer for COVID-19 Vaccination in Government Hospitals, told *SOM* that the Vaccination Centre which was functioning at Trauma Care Centre in PKTB Hospital premises all these months, has been shifted to the new location consequent to conversion of Trauma Care Centre into COVID-19 Hospital. Before this, the citizens were familiar with that Centre and now they have to adjust to the new location.

He said the footfall to the new vaccination centre has been good with around 300 persons taking the jab. The ground floor of Panchakarma Hospital had been dedicated to the vaccination booth.

The second floor was being used for various Ayurveda treatments. "We were told to have vaccination booths at three locations but we are having it at one place for better management. Though the area is small when compared with Trauma Care Centre building, we are carrying on inoculation," he noted. Dr. Ravi said as many as 50 health staff from Mysore Medical College and Research Institute have been working at the vaccination centre daily.

Vaccination drive underway at Gowrishankaranagar School in city this morning.

They work in two shifts depending upon the crowd. In fact the number of people coming for vaccination has gone up since the number of Corona positive cases is rising. The citizens have two choices, Covishield or Covaxin, to take.

No takers

Dr. Ravi said there were no takers for the appeal made by Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri to Lions and Rotary Clubs to arrange for vaccination of their members.

The district administration was ready to provide separate space for the Club on any given day for the vaccination of their members and families. They were free to contact him any time if they like to have a separate vaccination session in Government facilities.

Dr. Ravi has asked social service organisations to sponsor flex boards at vaccination booths for the convenience of citizens. Installation of two or three flex boards will enable people to come directly to Ayurveda Hospital instead of going to Trauma Care Centre, he noted.

Awards ceremony marks Dr. Raj birth anniversary in city

D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation Chairman Raghu Kautilya** (extreme left) **and Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Chairman Hemanth Kumar Gowda** (extreme right), **seen presenting Karunada Kanmani Awards to achievers at KEA premises here this morning as others look on.

Mysuru, Apr. 23 (RKB&SD)- On the eve of 93rd birth anniversary of matinee idol late Dr. Raj Kumar, several programmes were held at various places in city this morning.

Under the aegis of Dr. Raj Seva Samithi, the bust of Raj Kumar at the Karnataka Exhibition Authority premises was garlanded by D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation Chairman R. Raghu Kautilya and Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Chairman Hemanth Kumar Gowda.

Later, Raghu Kautilya presented Karunada Kanmani Award to the following nine achievers: Ambale Shivanna (Veerabhadra Kunitha), M. Ramegowda (Founder President of Akhila Karnataka Dr. Raj Abhimanigala Sangha), R. Chakrapani (Social Service), S.E. Girish (Social Service), Srinath Babu (Social Service), Amulya (International Yoga Expert), Manjunath (Theatre Artiste), Paramesh (Social Service) and Dr. Mohan Kumar (Veterinary Surgeon).

MUDA member Lakshmidevi, BJP leader Yashaswini Somshekar, Samithi President Sudheendra, Secretary Lohit and others were present.

At Patrakaratahra Bhavan, Karnataka Sena Pade had organised a programme in which floral tributes were offered to the portrait of Dr. Raj and Dr. Raj Kumar Kannada Award was conferred on the following five achievers: Bharat N. Gowda (Organising), Maddikere Gopal (Kannada), B.H. Satish Kumar Gowda (Co-operative Sector), Dr. S.A. Narasimhagowda (Industry) and S.E. Girish (Blood Donation Centre).

District Brahmana Mahasabha's Dr. B.R. Nataraj Jois, Sena Pade District President Tejesh Lokesh Gowda and others were present.

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Convocation: Mysore University extends deadline for applying

Mysuru, Apr. 23- A day after thousands of students thronged Crawford Hall, the administrative headquarters of University of Mysore (UoM) to apply for the University's Convocation on the last day of the deadline on Thursday, the UoM today (Apr.23) issued a notification extending the deadline to apply for the University's 101st Convocation, the date of which is yet to be finalised.

The notification, signed by the University Registrar (Evaluation)Prof. A. P. Jnanaprakash, said that the 101st Annual Convocation of the University has been postponed due to the surge in COVID-19 positive cases.

Students who have qualified for Graduate, Post-Graduate and Ph.D degrees in Sept-Oct.2020, can apply for receiving their degrees at the Convocation along with payment of the stipulated fee and two-photographs till the date to be specified by the University in the coming days.

Over 1,800 spots identified in Saragur for Groundwater Recharge Project

Mysuru, Apr.23- Saragur Taluk Panchayat Executive Officer (EO) T.S. Siddu said that the Government has tied up with Art of Living for rejuvenation of groundwater taken up under Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA).

He was speaking at a meeting of Panchayat Development Officers (PDOs) at his office at Saragur in the district on Thursday. The Government has implemented 'Antarjala Chetana' groundwater rejuvenation/replenishment scheme in nine districts of the State out of which Mysuru is one. Pointing out that Saragur and H.D.Kote taluks in Mysuru district have been chosen for implementation of the project on a pilot basis, he said that the PDOs have the task of implementing the project effectively.

Stating that borewell recharge too is part of the project, Siddu said that he wanted answers for the delay in the execution of the project, which should have started a couple of months ago.

Project Planning Officer R. Ramashetty said that the project has been delayed due to GP polls. Pointing out that 1,820 spots coming under 13 Gram Panchayat limits of the taluk have been identified for groundwater recharge, he said that these spots were identified by Geo-satellite mapping depending upon the flow of water.

Ramashetty said that groundwater recharge project has been successful in Gadag, Teerthahalli, Pavagada and Kolar.

93rd Birth Anniversary of Thespian on Apr. 24

Dr. Raj Kumar: A Reminiscence

I have had the golden opportunity of watching Dr. Raj Kumar from my age of 10 years due to my father's close association with the veteran superstar. I was fortunate to have had the opportunity to supervise his Physiotherapy sessions at HOSMAT Orthopaedic Sports Medicine Hospital in Bengaluru during 1995, when he had developed severe ankle pain in one of his feet. He used to recollect his interactions with my father and how he missed his native place Gajanur. Parvathamma had also narrated me an interesting episode (which took place 5-6 years before they got married) when Raj Kumar gifted her a pair of ear rings (lolaks) since her mother had removed her golden ear rings," recalls Dr. Veena Bharathi in this article on the occasion of Annavru's 15th death anniversary held on Apr. 12 and 93rd birth anniversary which is on Apr.24. —Ed

Dr. Veena Bharathi with Thespian Dr. Raj Kumar and her husband Dr. Kishore Murthy at HOSMAT Hospital.

By Dr. Veena Bharathi

Our family's association with Gajanur's "Mannina Maga" Dr. Raj Kumar dates back to the early 1950s. My father Aswathanarayan was a film exhibitor in Chamarajanagar, which is about 15 miles from Gajanur, Dr. Raj Kumar's birth place. Whenever Raj Kumar and his father Singanallur Putaswamaiah staged dramas in Chamarajanagar in the early 1950s, my father would play host and make sure that their drama troupe did not get on to the stage on an empty stomach. Raj Kumar used to relish the set dosas of 'Pacchappa's Hotel' in Chamarajanagar !!

I was fortunate to have had the golden opportunity of visiting Gajanur, when I was about 15 years of age, during the shooting of "Sampathige Savaal" Kannada movie, in the mid-1970s accompanying my father. Raj Kumar and Parvathamma had sought the advice of my father to detect water sources, in order to dig borewells in Gajanur.

Also at least twice or thrice in a year, my father used to take our family to the Premier Studios in Mysore, where Raj Kumar would be shooting, like it was during his 100th movie "Bhaagyada Baagilu" and also during the picturisation of "Raaja Nanna Raaja" movie.

It was 1990 — April. Dr. Raj Kumar's sixty-first birthday ! I was in my eighth month of pregnancy. I got a phone call from Parvathamma Raj Kumar *"Veenavre, neevu haagu nimma yajamanru, ee bhanuvaara ivara (Dr. Raj's) huttida habbakke barale beku, ille oota maada beku!* [Veena, you and your husband should attend Dr. Raj Kumar's birthday this Sunday and must have dinner too!]." When we attended the function at the Lawns of their Sadashivanagar residence, Parvathamma and Raj Kumar had profusely thanked us, and 'Akkavru' (Parvathamma)had gifted me a dozen green bangles and a mega fruit bowl as a tradition of *'madilu tumbuvudu"* for a pregnant woman !

1993 — May. I got a phone call from Parvathamma, "Dr. Veena, today evening, we have taken appointment at 'HOSMAT' Hospital so that 'ivru' (Dr. Raj) be checked by orthopaedic doctor, Dr. Thomas Chandy. If you can be with me during Annavru's check-up, it will provide me a sort of mental strength !" I also was told by her that Dr. Raj Kumar had just then finished a marathon shooting and dubbing schedule for the Kannada movie "Aakasmika." Since it was quite a long and committed schedule, the then 64-year-old veteran actor had started experiencing an on and off pain in his right knee and the heel.

At that time, my husband Dr. Kishore Murthy was the Chief Administrator of "HOSMAT" Hospital. I had reached the hospital half an hour earlier than the VIP-outpatient appointment given to Dr. Raj.

As I had coffee and snacks (which my husband had arranged to serve to Raj Kumar and family as a mark of reverence to the legend) with Dr. Raj, Parvathamma, daughter Poornima and young Puneeth, hardly conscious of his exceptional celebrity status, Dr. Raj was greeting everyone from the ward boy to the Nurse, who came to touch his feet, seeking his blessings! Despite the pain in his joints, Dr. Raj was pleasantly smiling and praised Dr. Thomas Chandy for setting up such a unique hospital for Orthopaedics and Sports' Medicine. *["Bekitthu, bekitthu, Bengalurige ee tarahada aaspatre bekaagittu!"* were the veteran's words].

Later on, after a series of medical tests, Dr. Raj Kumar was advised to undergo physiotherapy twice a week, for an entire month's duration. Thus opened the "Bhaagyada Baagilu" (Door of fortune) for me, since I had to be present at 'HOSMAT' hospital on Mondays and Thursdays to supervise the physiotherapy sessions of the Kannada movie land's "One Man Industry"!

Physiotherapist Mini Jacob and myself had the opportunity to spend nearly an hour with the Thespian, as each session of physiotherapy lasted for fifty minutes. I used to monitor the sessions, enquiring Dr. Raj about his pain — tolerance for the remedial exercises, quantum of recovery and any other session — related needs during those fifty minutes.

After one such physiotherapy session, when I accompanied Dr. Raj to the VIP guest chamber, Dr. Raj had made my 3-year-old son Yashas sit on his lap and heartily had told the child — "Putta, when your mother was of your age, she had sat on my lap at the Premier Studios! Now, the most pleasantly surprising fact is that your mother is a doctor and I am a patient!" I had felt literally on cloud nine when such a recollection was told to my son by a man of quintessence.

In 2004, Dr. Raj Kumar underwent a minor surgery at 'HOSMAT' Hospital for the pain in his right heel. When I visited the 'Natasaarva Bhowma' on his third post operative day, I presented him with a silver Hanuman idol. Because, when I had gone to console Parvathamma during the superstar's kidnap episode in the year 2000, Parvathamma had told me "My husband was born (as she was told by Raj's mother) after my mother-in-law prayed to God Hanuman at Mutthathi incessantly. That's why my husband's name at birth is Muthu Raj !"

When I again went to interview Parvathamma in 2007 (for the *Sunday Herald* of *Deccan Herald,* on the occasion of Raj Kumar's first Punyatithi) she told me a very interesting episode: "When I was seven years of age, my mother had gone to Kannambadi (KRS), her maternal home for delivery when my younger brother Srinivas was born. Raj Kumar and his father were camping in Chamarajanagar as part of Gubbi Veeranna's drama troupe. I was at my grandfather's village in Yediyuru. Raj Kumar's father asked him (we were related to each other before our marriage also) to bring me to Chamarajanagar on the bicycle !

"It was a journey of seven miles. As a precaution, my mother had removed my golden ear rings, before she went to her maternal home. I had not worn any other ear rings. Raj Kumar observed my ears devoid of any ornaments and purchased for me a pair of ear rings with green stones, sold on the streets of Chamarajanagar, for three and a half annas ! (less than 25 paise). Of course, the 18 year old Raj Kumar was embarrassed and blushed, when I told his father that 'Muthu Raj mama got me the lolaks (ear rings)!"

Just a few months before his kidnap, I had asked Dr. Raj Kumar what draws him to Gajanur. He had said "I am a son of soil, want to be closer to nature. Away from the make-believe world of Cinema, I go to Gajanur to discover myself !"

The journey of "Bedara Kannappa" came to an end on 12th of April 2006. "Dhruvataare" who firmly believed in "Huttidare Kannada Naadale Huttabeku... (If at all born, should be born in Kannada Naadu only...)," was an embodiment of simplicity and humility. His spirit however continues to be an eternal force and source of inspiration to even ordinary mortals like me.

I had asked Dr. Raj Kumar whether the photos taken at "HOSMAT" Hospital can be used by me for an article, he had said *"Doctre, Khandita yaavdakke bekaadru upayogisikolli ! Nanna Anumati beke illa !* (Doctor, you can definitely make use of the photos for whatever purpose you wish ! You don't need to ask for my permission !) Annavru (Akkavru also) *Kaanadante Maayavaadaru* (have disappeared without being visible). But, memories and the memorabilia have eternally stayed with me ▪

Reduce COVID-19 mortality rate in district: Dr. Sudhakar

Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar addressing the meeting at ZP Hall here yesterday as Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri, District-in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar, Mayor Rukmini Madegowda and MLA L. Nagendra look on. Picture right show officials of various departments at the meeting.

Mysuru, Apr. 23 (SSV)- "COVID-19 mortality rate was around 4 percent in Mysuru district which needs to be controlled immediately. Most deaths were happening due to delay in admission of patients to hospitals. Some deaths have occurred for other reasons too. In fact, Mysuru has the best health infrastructure," said Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar.

He was speaking at a meeting here yesterday to review COVID-19 situation in the district in the presence of District In-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar.

"The State Government has come out with suitable guidelines to deal with Corona crisis and it was not a sudden decision. As many as 13 crore people of the country have take vaccination, out of which 99.96 percent have not contracted the contagion. This shows that those who have taken the vaccine were safe. People must come forward and take vaccination," he added

The Minister said that officers of Drugs Controller Department would be held responsible in case of black marketing of Remdesivir injection and added that stern action should be taken by the Department concerned against hoarding of medicines failing which action will be taken against them.

"Like Bangalore Medical College, even Mysore Medical College was capable of dealing with the situation, thanks to 2,000 beds available. But the administration has to become active. Within next two to three days, at least 1,000 beds should be kept ready for COVID patients," he added. The Minister said it was possible to treat patients if they were diagnosed earlier and the district administration has been doing a good job in this regard. Even more number of people have been vaccinated in the district, he said and added that the spread of pandemic can be checked if primary and secondary contacts of patients undergo RT-PCR test.

Dr. Sudhakar opined that 95 percent of patients do not require hospitalisation as they can be cured at home through telemedicine. People need not worry if they test positive, but they need to follow strict quarantine rules.

He directed the authorities concerned to create two Helplines for the management of Remdesivir and oxygen. MLAs L. Nagendra, Tanveer Sait, Ashwin Kumar and Anil Chikkamadu, ZP President Parimala Shyam, Mayor Rukmini Madegowda, DC Rohini Sindhuri, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta and others were present.

MMC&RI students express inability to work at three Hospitals

Mysuru, Apr.23 (MTY&SSV)- Students of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) have categorically said that it was not possible for them to work in District Hospital, Trauma Care Centre and K.R. Hospital. However, they are ready to work only in K.R. Hospital.

The students, who met Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar, who visited K.R. Hospital here yesterday, told him that they were committed to serve patients in view of COVID-19 pandemic, but pressure should not be exerted on them. Last year, there were no Corona patients treated Trauma Care Centre, but this time, treatment was being given to Corona patients there too.

With no deployment of additional staff, patients were treated with the existing staff in District Hospital, Trauma Care Centre and K.R. Hospital. Over 250 students are studying at MMC&RI and nearly 80 of them had volunteered to treat Covid patients. Around 45 of them had contracted virus last year. The current second wave of COVID-19 was affecting people in the age group of 20 to 50 years. The duty doctors were not given protective gadgets while treating Covid patients. They would not hesitate to treat patients but they were concerned about their health safety too. In the wake of this, they must be posted in K.R. Hospital to treat both Covid and non-Covid patients.

The Minister received the memorandum and said it was true that pressure has increased but not the number of doctors. There was shortage of Group 'D' workers on the one hand and on the other hand the increase in beds and patients. Since there has been a surge in Corona positive cases, doctors must co-operate with the Government. Every possible things will be done to meet your demands at the earliest, he added.

Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra and relatives of some patients complained against MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj, over his style of functioning and not taking firm decision.

The Minister took the Dean to task and asked what problem he had to work in co-ordination with District Hospital staff and utilise facilities to help people.

"Should I come here wearing PPE kit to review arrangements. Why cannot you reserve 1,000 beds for Covid patients alone? A board must be put up to show the availability of beds in the Hospital," he added.

Medar Block slum dwellers appeal against eviction

Mysuru, Apr.23 (PM&DM)- Residents of the slum in front of a Saw Mill at Medar Block in Bamboo Bazar have appealed the authorities not to evict them until all civic amenities are made available at Kesare, where houses are built for them.

Addressing a press meet here yesterday, Somashekar, a slum dweller, said that the slum area is divided between MCC Ward Nos.18 and 24. Maintaining that they have been living in the Bamboo Bazar slum for over 50 years, he said that there are over 150 families living in the area in asbestos-sheet houses. But now all of a sudden, the Karnataka Slum Development Board has decided to evict them after providing alternative houses built under JnNURM project at Kesare, he said.

Contending that the houses at Kesare lacked civic amenities, Somashekar said the Slum Board authorities evicted some families in the slum on Monday under Police security, following which MLA Nagendra was appealed to give some more time for them to vacate. Subsequently, they have been granted one week's time, which is too little, he said and appealed the authorities to give them atleast 45 days time to move to Kesare. He also urged for providing all civic amenities at Kesare by then.

Sarvadharma Janajagruti Sangha Joint Secretary V. Ravikumar said that in the year 2000, the then Divisional Commissioner had declared that 30 guntas of land at the spot as slum area. But still the slum dwellers have been asked to move out to houses at Kesare.

Claiming that the houses at Kesare lacked civic amenities with no metered power connection, Ravikumar said that it is not the right time for the authorities to ask us to vacate, when the city is facing a surge in COVID-19 pandemic.

Slum-dwellers Manjula, Lakshmamma, Thambi and others were present.

Man goes missing from city

Mysuru, Apr. 23 (KS)- A 38-year-old man, who left his house on Apr. 20, has since gone missing, according to the complaint lodged by his wife with Udayagiri Police.

The missing man is 38-year-old Samiulla. Those having any information about the missing man may contact Udayagiri Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418309 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

WORD OF THE DAY

Chlamys

Pronunciation: KLAM-us.
Meaning: A short oblong mantle worn by young men of ancient Greece.
Origin: If you had been a man of ancient Greece, you'd likely have worn a chlamys from time to time. This cloak was a short, oblong mantle, typically made of dark wool, and worn draped over the left shoulder and fastened with a fibula at the right shoulder, leaving the right arm uncovered. The chlamys was popular especially among soldiers and messengers. Modern encounters with the chlamys are most likely to occur at museums where a statue of the messenger god Hermes or the Greco-Roman god Apollo might be seen garbed in such. As deities frequently on the move, these two would have appreciated the fact that the garment provided both protection from the elements and freedom of movement.
Example: "Perhaps her effect on him was as despotic and intoxicating as the poets claimed. Rumors reached Rome that he had abandoned his toga for the Greek chlamys; that she reviewed his troops with a bodyguard of Praetorians; that he followed her litter humbly on foot...." — Judith Thurman, Cleopatra's Nose, 2007.

THE ODD WORD

Cacogenics

Study of racial degeneration.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Curiosity killed the cat

Meaning: The term 'curiosity killed the cat' is an expression that's used as a warning for anyone who is acting excessively curious, as their prying behaviour may lead them to harm.
Origin: The saying highlights a certain aspect of a cat's personality. If you've ever owned a cat before, you probably know just how curious these creatures can be. Cats love investigating new things in their environment. So let's say you bring home a new piece of furniture and put it in the living room. Your cat will notice. They'll slowly and cautiously approach it, then they'll smell it, touch it, and once they have finished their evaluation and feel comfortable near it, they'll probably jump on it. Who knows, that piece of furniture might even become their new favourite napping spot. The point is that cats are indeed curious little creatures, and sometimes that curiosity gets them into trouble. So it's not surprising to see a phrase like this one. Anyway, there is an older form of this expression that goes: "Care killed the cat." In this case, the word "care" seems to mean "worry" or "sorrow." This form of the expression goes back to at least the 16th century. A few playwrights used it during that time.

QUOTE BOX

A happy arrangement: many people prefer cats to other people, and many cats prefer people to other cats. **— Mason Cooley**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Three men in a tub.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Swing music
5 Ex-England batsman ___ Graveney
8 Clenched hand
12 Jacob's twin in the Old Testament
13 A beam of light
14 Doing nothing
15 Speaks in a low tone
17 Time of day
18 Digit
19 Worked hard, struggled
21 City in Vietnam
24 Slight indication
25 Prayer ending
26 Succession in order
30 Robert Louis Stevenson's initials
31 Cavity in cranial bone
32 Greek goddess of dawn
33 General slaughter
35 Sharp blow
36 Smudged with writing fluid
37 Name or epithet
38 Plant part
41 Evergreen tree
42 Famous Asian desert
43 Soonest
48 Weight used to measure gold, etc. in India
49 U-turn from NNW
50 Not as new
51 A kind of gun
52 Soc. of Auto. Engrs.
53 One pace forward, perhaps

DOWN

1 Israel resident
2 "Like" suffix
3 Virtuoso guitarist Steve ___
4 London station
5 You may trace your family through it
6 Lever for rowing
7 Enigmatic aura
8 Limited, not endless
9 Figure of worship
10 Kind of gin
11 Care for or lean toward
16 Hawaiian food
20 Responsibility
21 Damage
22 South Africa's Hashim ____
23 Loch ___ : Scottish monster lake?
24 Name of eight English kings
26 Ill-health
27 An amphibian, eft
28 Anthracite for one?
29 Italian noble family
31 Sensible and rational
34 Monkey-like
35 Dog Star
37 The sesame plant
38 Army three-stripers in short?
39 Blow a horn
40 Proficient, skilful or qualified
41 To disentangle
44 Comparative words (2,1)
45 Superlative suffix
46 Use your eyes
47 Telegu Desam Party, acronym

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

I	A	F	■	F	L	O	P	■	U	S	E	R
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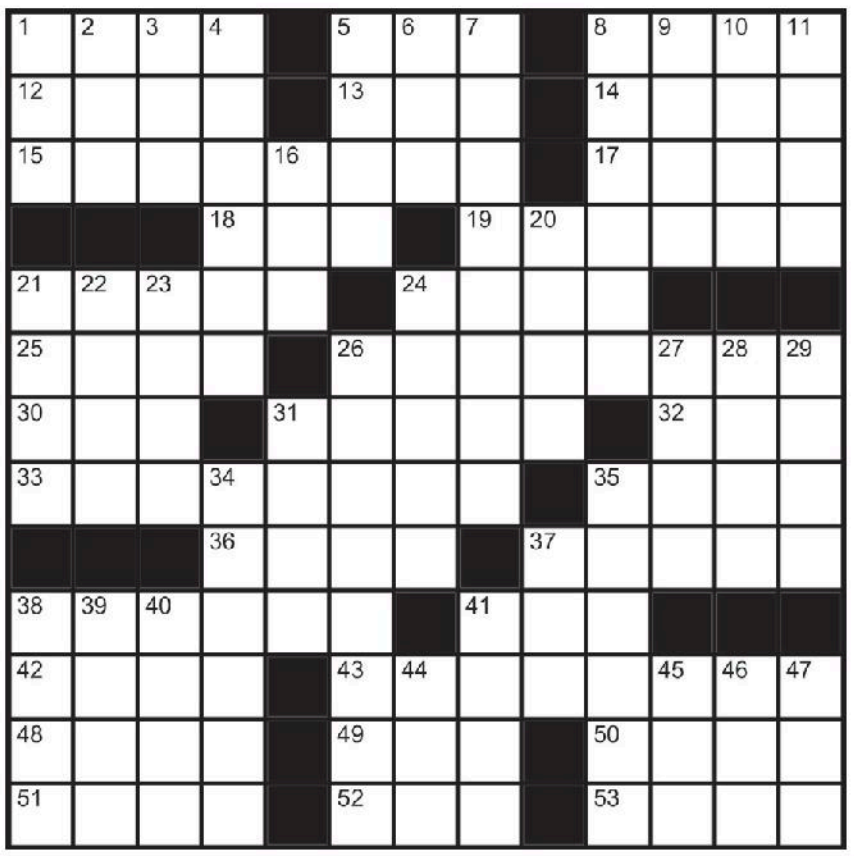

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				4				
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		1				6	2	
5					6	4		
	4			8		5		

Answer to previous puzzle

3	1	2	4	9	6	7	8	5
6	8	7	3	2	5	4	9	1
5	4	9	7	8	1	6	2	3
8	3	4	6	5	7	9	1	2
7	6	1	2	3	9	8	5	4
9	2	5	8	1	4	3	7	6
4	7	8	5	6	2	1	3	9
2	9	6	1	7	3	5	4	8
1	5	3	9	4	8	2	6	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

LTZTJL TW RKCCKY CVXJ YKOKTZTJL RKOXDWK

LTZTJL WCXYCW CVK YKOKTZTJL MYGOKWW.

TODAY'S CLUE: L EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Make money your god and it will plague you like the devil.

Padikkal, Kohli power RCB to 10-wicket win over RR

Mumbai, Apr. 23 (UNI)- Riding on Devdutt Padikkal's 101* and Virat Kohli's 72*, Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) thrashed Rajasthan Royals (RR) by 10 wickets, registering their fourth consecutive win in the ongoing 14th edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL), here at the Wankhede Stadium on Thursday. Earlier, RCB won the toss and decided to ball first.

RR got off to a bad start as they lost their three wickets for 18 runs. Then, Captain Sanju Samson hit 2 fours and one six during his 21 runs knock off 18 balls. He was removed by spinner Washington Sundar. All-rounder Shivam Dube (46 off 32 balls) and Riyan Parag (25 off 15 balls) added 66 runs for the fifth wicket.

Rahul Tewati, who came at No. seven, scored crucial 40 off 23 balls, helping RR get past 175-run mark. He was caught by Shahbaz Ahmed off Mohammed Siraj in the 19th over.

Ton-up Devdutt Padikkal and Run-Machine Virat Kohli power Royal Challengers Bangalore to 10-wicket win over Rajasthan Royals to go top on Points Table in the IPL at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai yesterday.

In the final over, Chris Morris (10) and Chetan Sakariya (0) were sent back by Harshal Patel in two consecutive balls. Shreyas Gopal (7) and Mustafizur Rahman (0) remained not out.

For RCB, Siraj and Patel took three wickets each in their four overs. In reply, Padikkal and Kohli put up an unbeaten 181-run opening stand to help RCB post 10 wickets win over RR in just 16.3 overs. During his unbeaten 72 runs knock, Kohli became the first player in IPL to score 6000 runs. With the virtue of this win, RCB reclaimed the top spot in the points table.

IPL 2021

TODAY'S MATCH (APRIL 23)

PBKS Vs MI — 7.30 pm

TOMORROW'S MATCH (APRIL 24)

RR Vs KKR — 7.30 pm

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

RCB - 181 / 0 (16.3)
beat
RR - 177 / 9 (20)

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[Source: www.iplt20.com]

Eoin Morgan fined for KKR's slow over rate against CSK

Mumbai, Apr. 23 (UNI) - Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) captain Eoin Morgan has been fined Rs. 12 lakh for maintaining a slow over rate during his team's IPL match against Chennai Super Kings on April 21.

This was KKR's first offence of the season under the IPL's Code of Conduct relating to minimum over rate offences.

Faf du Plessis' fantastic 95 not out and Deepak Chahar's impressive four-wicket haul led CSK to an 18-run win over KKR on Wednesday. The win propelled CSK to the top of the table with six points from four matches, while KKR slipped to sixth.

"Kolkata Knight Riders captain Eoin Morgan has been fined after his team maintained a slow over-rate during their Indian Premier League (IPL) 2021 match against Chennai Super Kings at the Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai on April 21," IPL said in a statement.

"As it was his team's first offence of the season under the IPL's Code of Conduct relating to minimum over-rate offences, Morgan was fined Rs.12 lakh," it added.

As per the IPL guidelines, the captain of the erring team is docked Rs. 12 lakh in fine on the first instance of slow over rate. On the second instance during the season, the fine for the captain is doubled (Rs. 24 lakh) while every other member of playing XI is fined 25 percent of match fee or Rs. 6 lakh — whichever is lesser.

When the offence is committed for the third time in a season, the captain has to pay a fee of Rs. 30 lakh and serve a one-match ban, while rest of the members of the playing XI are charged with a fine of Rs. 12 lakh or 50 percent of match fee — whichever is lesser. This same sanctions apply for any subsequent offences.

Natarajan ruled out

of tournament with knee injury

Mumbai, Apr. 23 - Sunrisers Hyderabad pacer T. Natarajan has been ruled out of the ongoing IPL due to a knee injury that he originally picked up during the tour of Australia earlier this year.

The 30-year-old Natarajan had played only two out of the four games for Sunrisers Hyderabad this season. It is understood that he had never fully recovered from the knee injury because of heavy workload he endured on the tour of Australia.

Natarajan never fully recovered from his knee injury," a BCCI source told PTI on conditions of anonymity on Thursday but did not specify the duration for which he would be unavailable.

"He went for rehabilitation at the NCA (National Cricket Academy) but it is now evident that even when he was declared fit to make a return against England, he was not 100 percent match ready.

"Now he could be out for a longer period as he had rushed his comeback without doing proper rehab," the source added referring to the one T20 and one ODI he played during the England series.

Natarajan became an overnight sensation with his yorkers at death during the last IPL and subsequently played all three formats for India in Australia.

Once he was back in India, the BCCI never made it public that he had sustained a knee injury.

PBKS vs MI Who will win?

Chennai, Apr. 23- Punjab Kings (PBKS), after their winning start, have now found themselves at the bottom of the points table in the 2021 edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL).

In their previous game, they lost to the Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) by nine wickets at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai.

At the same venue, K.L. Rahul and Co would be facing the Mumbai Indians (MI) today (April 23). Their net run rate of -0.824 is also the worst among the participating teams.

As far as Rohit Sharma's men are concerned, they are hanging in the middle of the table with two wins from four games.

Last time, they lost to the Delhi Capitals (DC), captained by Rishabh Pant by six wickets at the Chepauk itself. MI have had issues with their batting over the last three games or so and they would be looking to find answers before time runs out for them.

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